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1-NEWSPAPERS

WASHINGTON POST - OBERDORFER FROM GENEVA

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE, ARRIVING FOR TALKS WITH
THE SOVIET UNION ON LIMITING STRATEGIC ARMAMENTS,
ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY HE WILL MEET HERE WITH THE WIFE OF
SOVIET DISSIDENT ANATOLY SCHARANSKY."

OTHER POINTS:

-VANCE.S ANNOUNCEMENT ADDED TO THE TENSION HERE.
-SENIOR US OFFICIAL CONCEDED "HARD SLEDDING" AHEAD
ON SALT; YET US CONSIDERS NEW TREATY TO BE OF "PARA-
MOUNT IMPORTANCE" DESPITE DISAGREEMENTS OVER
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HUMAN RIGHTS.

-VANCE IS CARRYING MESSAGE FROM CARTER TO BREZHNEV.
-UNSPECIFIED US COUNTERMEASURES DEPEND ON
OUTCOME OF TRIALS IN USSR. VANCE HOPES TO FIND
OUT FURTHER INFORMATION ON WHAT THE SOVIETS ARE
DOING AND WHY.
-VANCE AND GROMYKO SAID DISCUSSIONS HERE WOULD FOCUS
ON SALT.
-US DELEGATION HAS LITTLE OPTIMISM ABOUT THE TALKS.
-THE TWO REMAINING ISSUES ARE LIMITATIONS ON NEW

MISSILE SYSTEMS AND RESTRICTIONS ON BACKFIRE.
SENIOR OFFICIAL SAID THERE IS GREATER CHANCE OF
PROGRESS ON THE LATTER.
-THE US WILL INFORM THE SOVIETS THAT IT RESERVES
THE RIGHT TO ADOPT MULTIPLE-HOLE SYSTEM FOR
ICBMS.

POST ALSO HAS PIECE BY KAISER AND PINCUS DETAILING
ANGER ON HILL OVER OVER TRIALS IN USSR AND NEW
PRESSURE FOR CHILLING OF RELATIONS.

OTHER POINTS:

-ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS REVEALED THAT EXTENSIVE
EFFORTS HAD BEEN MADE TO SECURE SHCHARANSKY.S
RELEASE.
-UNNAMED SENATOR REVEALED HE HAD RECEIVED A PHONE
CALL FROM A WHITE HOUSE OFFICIAL URGING HIM
TO PRESSURE THE ADMINISTRATION ABOUT SALES OF
SOPHISTICATED TECHNOLOGY TO THE USSR. THE SENATOR
IS QUOTED AS SAYING "IT.S BEGINNING TO BE A SCANDAL
THE WAY THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL PEOPLE
CALL YOU UP AND SAY .DENOUNCE THE PRESIDENT. OR
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.DENOUNCE THE SECRETARY OF STATE. FOR THIS OR
THAT.."

NEW YORK TIMES -- GWERTZMAN FROM GENEVA

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE AND SOVIET FONMIN GROMYKO
ARRIVED HERE TONIGHT PLEDGING TO WORK TOWARD
OVERCOMING REMAINING OBSTACLES IN THE NEGOTIATIONS
ON LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC ARMS."

OTHER POINTS:

-REPORTERS LEARNED THAT VANCE INTENDS TO DISCUSS
THE TRIALS WITH GROMYKO, DELIVER MESSAGE FROM
CARTER TO BREZHNEV, AND MEET WITH MRS. SHCHARANSKY.
-VANCE WAS INSISTENT ON THE NECESSITY OF SALT ACCORD.
-US OFFICIAL ABOARD VANCE.S PLANE SAID THAT THE
NEGOTIATIONS ARE DOWN TO LAST FEW ISSUES WHICH ARE
VERY TOUGH. HE HASD NO IDEA IF PROGRESS COULD
BE MADE.
BE MADE.
-ON ARRIVAL GROMYKO SAID THE DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE
CENTERED ON SALT.

-WHEN VANCE ARRIVED, HE WAS ASKED IF HE INTENDED TO
DISCUSS THE SHCHARANSKY TRIAL; HE TURNED AND GOT INTO
A WAITING CAR WITHOUT REPLYING.

WALL ST. JOURNAL -- NO HOUSE

BOSTON GLOBE -- BEECHER FROM GENEVA

LEAD: "THERE WILL BE NO NEW ARMS CONTROL TREATY IF THE SOVIETS BALK AT ALLOWING THE UNITED STATES THE OPTION OF BUILDING EXTRA MISSILE SILOS TO RESERVE THE MINUTE-MAN MISSILE FORCE AGAINST SURPRISE ATTACK."
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OTHER POINTS:

- VANCE WILL STRESS THIS TO GROMYKO, BUT WILL ALSO OFFER A NEW PROPOSAL THAT EACH SIDE COULD TEST AND DEPLOY A NEW ICBM SYSTEM DURING THE LIFE OF THE TREATY.
- WELL-PLACED SOURCES SAY THAT THESE TWO OPTIONS ARE BEING PRESERVED FOR STRATEGIC REASONS AS WELL AS ENHANCING THE CHANCES FOR SENATE RATIFICATION OF A NEW SALT TREATY.
- THE SOVIETS CHOSE THIS MOMENT TO PROCEED WITH TRIALS IN ORDER TO EMPHASIZE THAT THEY WILL NOT BE COWED BY CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY.
- VANCE ANNOUNCED ON THE PLANE THAT HE WILL MEET WITH MRS. SHCHARANSKY AND IS CARRYING CARTER MESSAGE TO BREZHNEV.
- OFFICIALS SAY THAT THREE OF THE SECONDARY SALT ISSUES HAVE BEEN SOLVED BY SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF AMERICAN PROPOSALS TO BAN DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT OF MISSILE TESTING AND DEPLOYMENT, TO COUNT ANY MISSILE TESTED WITH A MULTIPLE WARHEAD AGAINST THE CEILING ON MULTIPLE WARHEADS EVEN IF IT ACTUALLY CARRIES A SINGLE WARHEAD, AND TO EXCHANGE SPECIFIC DATA ON WHAT MISSILES OF DIFFERENT CATEGORIES HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED AS OF THE DATE THE TREATY IS COMPLETED.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR -- NO SOUTHERLAND

WASHINGTON STAR --- BRADSHAW FROM GENEVA

EAD: "AGAINST A BLEAK BACKGROUND, SECSTATE VANCE MEETS SOVIET FONMIN GROMYKO TODAY FOR WHAT US OFFICIALS THINK MIGHT BE ONLY A HOLDING ACTION
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ON SALT NEGOTIATIONS."

OTHER POINTS:

- EVENTS HERE ARE OVERSHADOWED BY THE TRIALS WHICH

ARE THE LATEST ELEMENTS IN THE DETERIORATION OF
US-SOVIET RELATIONS.

-VANCE'S PLANS TO MEET WITH MRS. SHCHARANSKY ARE LIKELY
TO AFFECT THE SOVIET ATTITUDE HERE. BUT SALT HAS BEEN
PROGRESSING SO SLOWLY THAT OUTSIDE INFLUENCES ARE
NOT LIKELY TO CREATE ANY MORE DELAY IN COMPLETEING
A TREATY.

-VANCE WAS EXPECTED TO TELL GROMYKO THAT THE US MUST
BE ABLE TO BUILD THE MX AND BUILD ADDITIONAL LAUNCHING
POINTS FOR IT. THIS PLUS DISAGREEMENT OVER BACKFIRE
SHOW NO SIGNS OF REWSOLUTION.

-A KEY AMERICAN SOURCE SAID THE TALKS WERE DOOMED
TO FAILURE. THEY ARE BEING HELD ONLY TO AVOID A
COMPLETE BREAKDOWN SINCE THE LAST ROUND ENDED SO
HARSHLY. THESE ROUND WOULD THEREFORE BE NO MORE
THAN A HOLDING ACTION.

-PERHAPS THE SOVIET REALIZATION OF THIS ENCOURAGED
THEM TO PROCEED WITH THE TRIALS. THEY COULD NOT
SLIGHT UNPRODUCTIVE TALKS

-ANOTHER ROUND IS NOT LIKELY UNTIL GROMYKO COMES
TO NEW YORK FOR THE UNGA. THE SOVIETS BE COUNTING
ON DISPOSING OF THE DISSIDENTS BY THEN AND RESUMING
SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS.

-MOOSE'S PRESENCE MIGHT INDICATE THAT AFRICA WILL
BE ON THE AGGENDA.

2-WIRES

AP -- SCHWEID FROM GENEVA

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE AND SOVIET FONMIN GROMYKO
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RESUMED NUCLEAR ARMS NEGOTIATIONS TODAY UNDER THE
SHADOW OF THE SHCHARANSKY AND GINZBURG TRIALS IN
THE SOVIET UNION."

OTHER POINTS:

-A SPOKESMAN FOR VANCE SAID THE FIRST SESSION WOULD
BE ENTIRELY DEVOTED TO SALT AND THAT VANCE WOULD WAIT
UNTIL LATER TO RENEW US PROTESTS AGAINST THE TRIALS.

-A SENIOR OFFICIAL SAID THAT ARMS LIMITATION WAS
"IMPERATIVE" AND COULD NOT BE DELAYED. HE SAID THAT
IF THE TWO DID NOT MEET NOW, IT WAS UNLIKELY THEY
COULD GET TOGETHER BEFORE FALL.

UPI -- ANDERSON FROM GENEVA

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE AND SOVIET FONMIN GROMYKO
HELD A BRIEF FIRST ROUND OF ARMS LIMITATION TALKS
TODAY UNDER THE DARKENING CLOUD OF THE DISSIDENT

TRIALS IN THE SOVIET UNION."

OTHER POINTS:

- AT THIS FIRST HOUR-LONG SESSION VANCE PRESENTED THE US PROPOSAL INCLUDING THE MULTIPLE SILO PLAN. GROMYKO ASKED FOR ADJOURNMENT TO STUDY THE US PRESENTATION.

-AT THE SECOND SESSION LATER TODAY THE SOVIETS ARE EXPECTED TO MAKE A PRELIMINARY REPLY. THE SESSION WILL ALSO DEAL WITH HUMAN RIGHTS.

REUTERS -- GUTMAN FROM GENEVA

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LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE AND SOVIET FONMIN GROMYKO RESUMED SALT TALKS TODAY IN AN ATMOSPHERE CHILLED BY TWO DISSIDENT TRIALS IN THE SOVIET UNION."

OTHER POINTS:

- ONLY TWO ISSUES REMAINED UNRESOLVED - BACKFIRE AND RESTRICTIONS ON MODERNIZING MISSILES. THE LATTER WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO AWAIT CARTER-BREZHNEV SUMMIT TO BE RESOLVED.

-AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE TALKS TOMORROW, VANCE WILL MEET WITH MRS. SHCHARANSKY.

-GROMYKO TRIED TO OPEN THE SESSION WITH A JOKE; VANCE WAS NOT AMUSED.

3-MORNING NETWORKS

CBS -- KALB FROM GENEVA

LEAD: VANCE WAS HOST FOR THIS OPENING ROUND, AND THE U.S. PLAN IS THAT IT WOULD BE DEVOTED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY TO TRYING TO COMPLETE ANOTHER STRATEGIC ARMS AGREEMENT, SHCHARANSKY AND THE DISRUPTIVE DISSIDENT TRIALS IN THE SOVIET UNION DEFERRED

UNTIL LATER TODAY AFTER BOTH DIPLOMATS HAVE HAD A PROPER GENEVA LUNCH. FOR THESE DIPLOMATS ON BOTH SIDES THIS IS APPARENTLY A CRUCIAL SESSION. BOTH MINISTERS ARRIVED PROFESSING GOOD WILL IN TRYING TO MAKE PROGRESS. THERE ARE TWO MAJOR ISSUES STANDING IN THE WAY OF AN ACCORD, FIRST, TO FINDING NEW MISSILE SYSTEMS AND AGREEING ON SPECIFIC RESTRAINTS FOR THEM, AND SECOND, HOW TO RESOLVE THE LONG-STANDING PROBLEM OF THE SOVIET BACKFIRE BOMBER WHICH THE U.S. CONSIDERS TO BE A STRATEGIC SOVIET WEAPON, BUT THE RUSSIANS DO NOT. VANCE HOPES FOR PROGRESS ON AT LEAST A DEFINITION OF THE NEW MISSILE SYSTEMS. EQUALLY IMPOR-

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TANT, VANCE INTENDS TO STRESS THAT THE U.S. MUST RESERVE THE OPTION OF BUILDING NEW HOLES IN THE GROUND FOR ITS LONG RANGE MISSILE FORCE, AND THEN AS PART OF THIS OPTION, MOVING THESE MISSILES AROUND SO THAT THE RUSSIANS DO NOT KNOW AT ANY ONE TIME EXACTLY WHERE THE MISSILES ARE LOCATED. THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT COULD COST AN ESTIMATED \$20 BILLION. IT IS CLEAR THAT IF THE RUSSIANS OBJECT TO THIS PLAN, WHATEVER PROGRESS MAY BE REGISTERED HERE MAY BE MOOT BECAUSE THE ADMINISTRATION BELIEVES THAT CONGRESS WILL NOT ACCEPT A SALT AGREEMENT WITHOUT THAT PLAN.

(GENEVA).

ABC -- DUNSMORE FROM GENEVA

LEAD: IN THIS, THEIR SIXTH MEETING IN EIGHTEEN MONTHS, SECRETARY VANCE AND SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO DEMONSTRATED ONCE AGAIN THAT EVEN WHEN THERE IS TENSION IN THE U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONSHIP, THEIR OUTWARD DEMEANOR IS CIVIL AND CAN EVEN APPEAR TO BE FRIENDLY. THE SOVIET DECISION TO PUT ITS MAJOR DISSIDENTS ON TRIAL ON THE VERY EVE OF THIS MEETING HAS ASTONISHED SOME U.S. OFFICIALS AND ANGERED OTHERS. BUT AT THE AMERICAN SALT DELEGATION HEADQUARTERS IN GENEVA THIS MORNING, VANCE AND GROMYKO WERE PUBLICLY PLEASANT.

- IN THIS FIRST SESSION IT'S EXPECTED THE ONLY TOPIC OF DISCUSSION WILL BE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION. THE REMAINING OBSTACLES TO A NEW AGREEMENT ARE FEW, BUT DIFFICULT. U.S. OFFICIALS WOULD NOT SAY IF VANCE WAS NOT PREPARED TO MEET ANY COMPROMISE AMERICAN PROPOSALS, OR IF HE WOULD STAND PAT AND SEE WHAT THE SOVIETS HAD TO

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OFFER. IN ANY EVENT, THIS MORNING'S MEETING WILL SET THE TONE FOR THIS TWO-DAY SESSION. VANCE WILL BE RAISING THE SUBJECT OF THE DISSIDENT TRIALS, AND HE WILL BE SEEING MRS. SHCHARANSKY HERE TOMORROW. THE TRIALS AND THE ARMS TALKS ARE NOT LINKED, AT LEAST SO VANCE SAYS. BUT THE POLITICAL REALITIES ARE SUCH THAT UNLESS THEY WERE TO MAKE A VERY SWEET OFFER, THIS DOES NOT SEEM TO BE THE TIME TO BE REACHING ANY NEW AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIETS.

(GENEVA).

NBC -- COCHRAN IN GENEVA

LEAD: SWISS POLICE ARE TAKING NO CHANCES ON SECURITY FOR THE TALKS HERE. THEY EVEN ROLLED IN THEIR OWN TANK AT THE AIRPORT FOR THE ARRIVAL OF GROMYKO AND VANCE. GROMYKO ARRIVED FIRST. THE RUSSIANS ARE UNDOUBTEDLY FURIOUS AT PRESIDENT CARTER.S SUPPORT OF THAT ANGER. INSTEAD, HE WAS DIPLOMATICALLY CHEERFUL, AND SAID HE HOPED FOR PROGRESS IN LIMITING NUCLEAR ARMS.

- WHEN VANCE ARRIVED HE WAS EQUALLY DIPLOMATIC, REFUSING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM REPORTERS, VANCE SAID HE WOULD BE TALKING MOSTLY ABOUT NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN GENEVA. VANCE DID NOT MENTION THE FACT THAT HE WILL TELL GROMYKO OF PRESIDENT CARTER.S DISPLEASURE AT THE TRIALS OF SOVIET DISSIDENTS.

- THE FIRST MEETING WAS HELD AT THE AMERICAN DELEGATION.S HEADQUARTERS. THIS MORNING.S SESSION WAS STRICTLY DEVOTED TO NUCLEAR ARMS. SECRETARY VANCE WAS EXPECTED TO BRING UP THE ISSUE OF THE DISSIDENTS THIS AFTERNOON. VANCE HAS SAID THE TWO ISSUES OF ARMS AND DISSIDENTS SHOULD BE DEALT WITH SEPARATELY. GROMYKO AND VANCE WILL CONTINUE THEIR TALKS TOMORROW
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AND THEN BEFORE VANCE LEAVES GENEVA HE WILL MEET WITH THE WIFE OF ANATOLY SHCHARANSKY, ONE OF THE DISSIDENTS NOW ON TRIAL.

- THE AMERICAN DELEGATION IS TRYING TO DISCOURAGE ANY SPECULATION THAT THE ARMS TALKS ARE DOOMED TO FAILURE BECAUSE OF THE TRIALS IN THE SOVIET UNION. BUT AS SECRETARY VANCE HIMSELF HAS SAID, THOSE TRIALS HAVE AGGRAVATED THE ATMOSPHERE SURROUND THESE TALKS. (GENEVA). CHRISTOPHER

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